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## Family tradition

Incirlik celebrates month of the military child

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## Days until inspection

**Tip of the week:** During an inspection, do not use an inspector as part of a unit's two-person concept team.

**On the cover:** April is the month of the military child and it's a time to celebrate the youth of Incirlik. See Pages 2, 5, 10 and 11 for more information. (Photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham)

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# What really happens when people drink

## FTAC class 06-E

Observation date March 31

- What are you guys doing here?
- Why are you just standing around?
- Are you serious?
- You want a drink?
- Why don't you get to drink?
- Do you want to dance?
- What is the point of this?
- What's your name?
- What is the Eyes On program?
- What time are you going to be free?

These are some of the questions I was asked that night. Some of them I even asked myself. I wasn't excited to hear that I couldn't drink Friday night. My first thought was "what's the point; I already know what happens when people drink?"

It wasn't until I realized what my reaction meant to people, that I actually took the time to accept Eyes On. I looked back the next day and felt ashamed that I thought I needed alcohol so badly. A few days later I decided to cut back on my own drinking. Watching how people acted on alcohol was not what changed my mind. It was my personal experience that made me realize how I act when I drink.

I really have to say that Eyes On was a good experience. It's a good thing for first-term Airmen to experience; especially being overseas where 18 is the legal drinking age. One of the biggest things I noticed during Eyes On was, yes, people were drinking, but at least they weren't alone. One other thing that stood out was contact between genders. It seemed, since everyone was consuming alcohol, that women and men would allow the other gender to become more 'touchy-feely' so to speak. My next thought was "I hope they don't make the mistake of going home together and leaving their Wingman." Preventing this is charged to that person's personal standard.

There was one issue that night. There was a fight outside the bar. Could this have been prevented? Yes. My question is, where were the Wingmen? One of the best ways to prevent these issues is to make sure that we watch out for our own.

Overall, I personally have to thank the Eyes On program for making me think twice about how much I drink on the weekends and the possible threats that I might be exposing myself to. People just have to take it seriously and watch to see potential hazards. This way you will be able to become a great Wingman for your fellow Airmen.

## Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

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Action Lines that apply to the majority of the base population may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.

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# Month of the military child

By Lt. Col. Scott Gericke

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What does Month of the Military Child mean? It means we focus on the "nonvolunteers" in today's military service.

Think about it. Children of military service members, whether active duty, Reserve or Guard, didn't raise their right hand to follow mom and/or dad overseas or move every three to five years. Think about how they must feel being separated from close buddies or having to constantly find new friends. We made the decision to serve our country and chose this lifestyle voluntarily ... they didn't. They've had to adjust to new schools, teachers, Boy and Girl Scout troops, churches, not to mention climates (try going from MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. to Minot AFB, N.D.)

Why do we take the time to recognize the military child? We must remind ourselves of what children endure as a part of their "military service" and underscore the importance children play in the military community. Back in 1986, former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established April as the Month of the Military Child. He recognized that adults aren't the only ones "serving" in the military. Military children, on average, move nine times throughout a parent's 20-year career.

Closer to the heart, these children have to wait for what seems like an eternity for deployed parents to return home. Air Force personnel are more expeditious these days. "Expeditionary" translates to "When is mommy going to come home?" or "Why can't dad help me with my homework today?" or "It would be great to talk to you, but you're never around! You're always TDY!" Hit home yet?

On the brighter side however, most military children benefit from the experiences thrust upon them. They tend to adjust faster to new situations and are more resilient to changes in their environment. They have learned to adapt quickly in order to survive. Being forced to move has enabled them to see different cultures, lifestyles, and languages. Military children who have lived overseas have a better awareness and appreciation for what "America" means to the rest of the world. Here in Turkey, many children will be able to say they've walked on a 2,000-year-old Roman road or romped around a fifth century Byzantine castle. History takes on a whole new meaning when you've actually been there and seen what most people only get to read about in textbooks.

During the month of April, military bases across the world will have fun runs, parades, carnivals, community service projects, and other events to honor children of military service members. Incirlik Air Base is no exception. The 39th Services Squadron plans to hold numerous activities throughout the month to include a talent show, Easter egg hunt, and skate party. The pinnacle of events for the month will be April 22 at Arkadas Park. There will be a kids zone, musical entertainment, food, parade, and lots of fun. AFN will also be there for a live remote broadcast.

As I was doing research to write this article I came across the poem below. This ode to our military "brats" is a fitting tribute for every child of a military service member.

## ***I Am A Military Brat***

*My hometown is nowhere, my friends are everywhere.*

*I grew up with the knowledge that home is where the heart is  
and the family ....*

*Mobility is my way of life.*

*Some would wonder about roots, yet they are as deep and strong  
as the mighty oak. I sink them quickly, absorbing all an area offers  
and hopefully, giving enrichment in return.*

*Travel has taught me to be open.*

*Shaking hands with the universe, I find brotherhood in all men.*

*Farewells are never easy.*

*Yet, even in sorrow comes strength and ability to face tomorrow  
with anticipation ... if when we leave one place,*

*I feel that half my world is left behind. I also know that  
the other half is waiting to be met.*

*Friendships are formed in hours and kept for decades.*

*I will never grow up with someone, but I will mature with many.*

*Be it inevitable that paths part, there is constant hope  
that they will meet again.*

*Love of country, respect and pride  
fill my being when Ol Glory passes in review.*

*When I stand to honor that flag, so also do I stand in honor of all  
soldiers, and most especially, to the parents whose life created mine*

*Because of this, I have shared in the rich heritage of military life.*

Anonymous

## YOUR TURN

**What do you like most about your parents being in the military?**

"I like it because I get to travel around the world and see different countries and cultures."

**Taylor, daughter of Staff Sgt. Brian May, 39th Air Base Wing**



"I like it because my dad builds bombs."

**Zachery, son of Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Howell, 39th Maintenance Squadron**



"I like it because we are safe all the time."

**Kyle, son of Staff Sgt. Eric Heideman, 39th Logistic Readiness Squadron**



"I like it because I get to meet new people."

**Brook, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Ted Beveridge, 39th Communications Squadron**



"I like it because my dad defends the country."

**Anna, daughter of Master Sgt. James Rinehart, 39th MXS**



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 676-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

# Christian rock group to perform for the 'Lik'

By Senior Airman Tim Beckham  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The rock group Faceless will be performing a free concert at Arkadas Park Saturday at 3 p.m.

"The awesome thing about Faceless is that they are die-hard Christians living out and talking about their faith, while simultaneously being talented artists and very interesting people," said Chaplain (Capt.) Dallas Little. "That mix of qualities in itself justifies checking out the show."

The five-member Christian rock band is touring different bases visiting and performing for military members.

"They're visiting wounded U.S. military personnel in Germany and then coming to Turkey to play Izmir, Ephesus, Incirlik, Gaziantep, Ankara and Istanbul," said Chaplain Little.

Before their performance, the Alaskan natives will be spending some time at the Chapel with all the teenagers on base, grades 6 through 12 at 11 a.m. This event will feature activities, free food, music, and a chance to hang out with the band before the concert.

"This is an awesome band that truly loves its fans and wants to get to know the people who come to their shows," said Chaplain Little. "After the concert, the band has invited any



Courtesy photo

The five-member Christian rock group Faceless will be performing at Arkadas Park tomorrow at 3 p.m.

interested folks to accompany them to supper to spend some time together. This meal will be pay-as-you-go and is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the consolidated club."

In case of inclement weather the concert will be held in Hangar 4 at 3 p.m.

## *Parade credited with ending blockade in West Berlin*

Courtesy of the 39th Air Base Wing  
History Office

This weekend marks the 57th anniversary of perhaps the most noted Easter parade in history, not the kind of parade that most American cities abolished, but the one that saved 2.4 million people from possible starvation and assured annexation into the Soviet sphere of subjugation.

This particular parade is credited with ending a blockade that imprisoned West Berliners. On this weekend alone in 1949 the Western Allies air transported 13,000 tons of supplies in 1,398 sorties at the apex of the Berlin Airlift.

The division of Germany was decided by the "Big Three" (Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin) during the Yalta Conference in February, 1945. The division also included the capital city of Berlin, located 125 miles within the Soviet sector. After the war the "Big Three", this time consisting of Harry S. Truman, Clement Atlee, and Stalin, met in Potsdam to work out the peace treaties with the defeated Axis nations. Here they all agreed that Germany would remain as one economic entity in spite of its, and Berlin's, division into four military occupied zones.

With total disregard for the disastrous results of the Treaty of Versailles ending WWI, Stalin and France insisted that Germany again

pay monetary reparations the likes of which crippled the country and allowed Hitler to rise to power in the first place. The four 'allies' (the Big Three and France) established a central governing committee called the Allied Control Council (ACC) to work out the disagreements that increasingly grew in both number and severity. The subject of reparations grew as an issue with the ACC because both the U.S. and Britain were more concerned with the reconstruction of Germany and its economic recovery as a means to relieve their respective taxpayers of their financial burden.

On January 1, 1947, the U.S. and Britain took their first steps in creating a West German state by combining their occupied zones. Stalin's proverbial 'last straw' came the following year when a constitution for a West German state was drafted and a currency reform was established replacing the Reichmark with the new Deutschemark. The Western allies had good reason to be concerned with the future of Germany considering Stalin had crushed the 1948 Czechoslovakian Revolt creating the Soviet Bloc.

In an attempt to annex the entire city of Berlin, Stalin ordered the blockade of all rail and road transport to the city June 22, 1948. He obviously planned this action in advanced because this date was the seventh anniversary of Hitler's 'Operation Barbarossa,' named after

a German Emperor during the First Reich, via which Nazi Germany violated their previously signed Non Aggression Pact with Russia. The roads and rails supplied West Berlin with 13,000 tons of supplies daily and it was estimated the city needed 2,000 tons of supplies per day for the most basic subsistence. Truman had the five alternatives left to any leader when confronted with hostilities: diplomacy, retreat, military confrontation, circumvention, or a combination of these. Withdraw was not an option for the staunch anti-communist Truman who didn't want to look weak in the court of world opinion.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the U.S. military governor in Germany, suggested smashing through the blockade with an armored column. Truman decided to avoid direct confrontation because Stalin had a military force of 4.6 million men and the Western contingent in Berlin was outnumbered 49 to one.

Diplomacy failed because there was also no legal means to confront the blockade. The agreement at Potsdam never addressed ensuring open roads, rails or canals through the Russian sector into West Berlin. However, it did allow for three 20-mile-wide air corridors leading to Berlin. Clay doubted the ability of the nine-month-old U.S. Air Force to execute an airlift of this magnitude and necessity

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# Safe children, healthy families require shared responsibility

## Courtesy of the 39th Air Base Wing Family Advocacy Office

April is the month that Incirlik along with federal and local agencies across the nation focus special attention on preventing child abuse and neglect.

“Safe children and healthy families are a shared responsibility” is the theme of this year’s National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse is a very serious social problem and creating awareness that leads to prevention is the mission of Incirlik’s Family Advocacy office.

According to Susan Orr, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the primary responsibility for children’s health and well being resides with the parents. However, strengthening families and preventing child abuse require the shared commitment of individuals in every community. Incirlik’s Family Advocacy recognizes the best way to promote prevention is to provide parents with the skill and resources they need to understand and meet their children’s emotional, physical, and developmental needs.

“We all play a role in protecting children from harm,” said Marvin Cox, Outreach manager. An overwhelming majority of people who

commit child abuse are ordinary people caught in stressful situations: young mothers and fathers unprepared for the responsibilities of raising a child; single parents without a realistic support system or families placed under the stress of alcohol or drug problems. Whatever the scenario, Family Advocacy at Incirlik offers help to families so that such issues do not result in the maltreatment of children.

The key to identifying child abuse, according to Mr. Cox, is to understand the signs and symptoms of abuse. There are four major types of child maltreatment: neglect, physical, sexual and emotional. Neglect is the failure to provide for a child’s basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education or proper supervision. Physical abuse is the intentional injury inflicted upon a child. It may include but not limited to severe shaking, beating, kicking, punching, or burning that results in minor marks or bruising. Sexual abuse refers to any sexual act with a child by an adult or older child. Possible symptoms for sexual abuse is pain, redness or swelling in the genital area; a display of age-inappropriate play with toys, self, or others and inappropriate knowledge about sex or a personal report of sexual abuse. Emotional Abuse may occur when a parent fails to provide the understand-

ing, warmth, attention, and supervision the child needs for healthy psychological growth. Symptoms for this offense may be less clear, however often will include the child exhibiting extremes in behavior from overly aggressive to overly passive behavior. In addition, a display of delayed physical, emotional, or intellectual development may indicate emotional abuse.

Incirlik’s confirmed allegations of child abuse are very low compared to other bases our size. Family Advocacy attributes that to the education and outreach services that are provided such as; Dad’s 101, a child care course for new and expecting fathers, a Family Advocacy Nurse providing in-home educational and practical support, a weekly Play Group that models the appropriate use of child play, and parenting classes offered every quarter. However, if child abuse is suspected in any shape or form the appropriate action is to call Family Advocacy at 676-6452. A team of health providers are ready and prepared to assess and treat the problem. In emergent cases, that require immediate action for the safety of the child, people may call security forces or dial 911.

“Incirlik is a safe community because people are concerned with the welfare of their neighbors,” said Mr. Cox.

## West Berlin

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forced the new department to bypass the two-year weaning period from the Army as directed in the National Security Act of 1947.

Curtis LeMay, then a major general and commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, managed to deliver twice the estimated amount of supplies into the city on a test run and Clay started the airlift with 102 C-47 Skytrains and two C-54 Skymasters capable of transporting 2.5 and 10 tons respectively. Originally this mission was called *The LeMay Coal and Feed Delivery* but was quickly renamed *Operation Vittles*, performed by the 25-day-old Military Air Transport Service.

MATS called on the expertise of Gen. William Tunner, a veteran of supply runs. He directed and standardized operations to increase efficiency and safety. With the supplement of hundreds of C-54s flown in from around the world, cargo sorties took off and landed every three minutes, 24 hours a day. They flew within one of the three air corridors maintaining exact intervals, speeds, and altitude while experiencing harassments including being ‘buzzed’ by Russian fighters, having their radios jammed, and being blinded by search lights.

Each aircraft in the endless round-the-clock procession would have just one chance to land. If anything prevented this landing, the pilot had to return and reenter the cycle of flights. Ground crews had 1 hour and 40 minutes to refuel, load cargo by hand from flat-bed trucks, do preflight preparations, and perform any required maintenance which increased considerably as the operation continued. Aircraft engines experienced rapid and excessive wear from their continuous operation, short flights and aircraft taxiing and landing accidents increased largely

due to gear and tire failures caused by hard landings at maximum loads. Ultimately, the U.S. flew more than 68 percent of all the flights delivering nearly 77 percent of the 2.3 million tons of cargo vis-à-vis the British with 31 and 23 percent respectively and the French providing .1 percent of the flights transporting .04 percent of the overall cargo.

Stalin lifted the blockade on May 4, 1949. However, the airlift continued until September 30 to build a stockpile of supplies (75 percent delivered by the U.S.) in the event of a renewed blockade. The operation cost 17 U.S. aircraft and 31 American lives during about 586,900 U.S. flying hours. A phenomenal achievement considering the mission’s flight hazards and operations tempo. For the U.S. military, the Berlin Airlift carried more significance than victory against a new enemy. For the Air Force in particular, the airlift firmly established it as being capable of operating on its own much to the chagrin of the Army which had insisted that an independent air force was a bad idea.

Operation Vittles was also an instrumental learning experience for the Air Force and patterned the future of other large-scale airlift, aircraft and operations. Aircraft were developed solely for the purpose of cargo transport. Ground equipment like the K-loaders, were specifically designed to allow rapid on and off loading of cargo. Technology and lessons learned enabled one of Incirlik’s tenant units, the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, to safely perform feats that were thought impossible not too long ago. In a normal four months of operation they delivered 252.9 million pounds of cargo in 6,130 sorties while also transporting about 135,000 passengers. By comparison to Operation Vittles, today’s C-17 Globemaster III capabilities could deliver the same tonnage of cargo in less than 10 percent of the flights.



# COMUSAFE recaps first 100 days

**By Gen. Tom Hobbins**

U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** – Our U.S. Air Forces in Europe team has encountered a full spectrum of exciting activities and challenges over the past 100 days. From embracing the impending Air Force manpower restructure to the airlift of Rwandan troops to the Darfur region of the Sudan, our command has been actively engaged in the pursuit of process improvement and ensuring mission success.

The last few months have brought us exercises like Anatolian Eagle in Turkey and Shared Accord in Niger. We've deployed about 1,600 USAFE Airmen to locations like Iraq and Djibouti in support of the global war on terrorism. Additionally, we've worked with our NATO allies to contribute to activities like flying Baltic Air Policing missions. The list of mission accomplishments goes on and on, but the main message that resonates is our USAFE team, along with our joint, coalition and host-nation partners, are dedicated to ensuring freedom's future across the globe.

While focusing on mission accomplishment, our command has also faced some very challenging manpower issues. From the current force-shaping efforts to the future manpower restructure, we have and will continue to see a lot of "people" and "process" changes on the horizon. Air Force Smart Ops 21 will seek to help us ensure we make the right process improvements while continuing to take care of our people.

As we strive to take care of our people, we have maintained focus on building strong relationships with our host nation and partner countries. USAFE has continued to plan and execute a robust Theater Security Cooperation program that has strengthened our ability to fight cooperatively on a global scale. The dividends are huge, in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 19 of 24 current coalition partners are from the area of responsibility. Our focus is clear; we must continue to invest in the European theater to secure our collective future.

USAFE has a lot to be proud of over the last few months, and I am honored to command and serve with the most experienced, respected and combat-ready forces in the world. I look forward to the next 100 days, and know that we will work to meet any and all challenges together.

A snapshot of base key accomplishments in the last three months:

**Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany**

- 52nd Fighter Wing opened European Transportation Training Center; training accessibility increased by 475 percent.
- Participated in Anatolian Eagle exercise.
- Supported NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission.
- Renovated key wing facilities—command post, fighter squadron briefing rooms, clinic.
- 703rd Munitions Squadron opened a renovated club and dining facility.

**Aviano Air Base, Italy**

- 31st FW opened new Professional Military Education facility.
- Opened new vehicle maintenance and operations and maintenance facility.
- Completed first-ever combined wing NATO strike evaluation with Lakenheath; received Mission Capable rating.
- Hosted First Lady of the United States and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force visits.



Photo by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.

Incirlik has moved 18,460 short tons of cargo during Gen. Tom Hobbins, USAFE commander, first 100 days of command.

**RAF Lakenheath, England**

- 48th FW completed Phase 1 Operational Readiness Exercise.
- Opened a referral management center for central processing of internal and external medical network referrals.

- Opened F-15C Eagle Mission Training Center.

**RAF Mildenhall, England**

- 100th Air Refueling Wing opened a new child development center.
- Completed \$9 million communications infrastructure upgrade.
- Implemented \$167,000 in quality of life improvements around the base.
- Created a new dedicated tanker line; increased number of dedicated tankers to each fighter wing by 20 sorties per day.

**Moron AB, Spain**

- Constructed new \$750,000 fitness and sports center.

**Ramstein AB, Germany**

- Ramstein AB named one of top three installations in Air Force.
- 86th Airlift Wing opened a new repair facility; improved propeller repair cycle time by 73 percent.
- Led the way for Ramstein acquisition of a Visual Threat Recognition and Avoidance Trainer.
- 37th Airlift Squadron taught the initial cadre of Iraqi AF crews to fly a C-130 Hercules.
- 435th Air Base Wing reorganized vehicle operations.
- 435th Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility moved more than 3,800 patients.
- Installed new Youth Center gym floor and new gymnastics spring floor; implemented \$1.7 million playground project and Child Development Center revamp.
- Had 33 percent drop in DUIs in Dec. 05 – March 06 vs Dec. 04 – March 05.

**Lajes AB, Azores**

- 65th ABW supported aircraft moving more than 1.5 million pounds of cargo and more than 5,200 passengers.
- Secured \$437,000 funding to replace and repair base's lightning protection and grounding for air traffic control and landing systems.
- Refueled 826 aircraft.

**Incirlik AB, Turkey**

- 39th ABW provided logistics support to OIF and Operation Enduring Freedom moving 10,368 pallets and 18,460 short tons of cargo.
- Provided air refueling support to OEF: 17,689,000 pounds of fuel, 248 sorties.

# DOD plans to boost access to military childcare

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — The availability of childcare services for military families will receive a boost from a multifaceted approach by the Defense Department, a senior official said recently.

"We project the (childcare) needs as greater than what we're offering at this point," said Jan Witte, director of DoD's office of children and youth.

The ongoing realignment of U.S. forces from longstanding overseas bases to state-side installations and high operational tempos are placing demands on the military child-care system, Ms. Witte said. Consequently, DoD wants to "jump-start" its military child-care programs to provide more spaces for the children of active-duty and Reserve-component servicemembers.

"Currently, we're using a multi-pronged approach" to increase military childcare capacity, Ms. Witte said, noting DoD will continue to build onpost facilities.

"And we're also doing some contracting with civilian centers off the installations" to address lengthy waiting lists at some military bases, she said.

DoD has also provided funds to get modular buildings that will help meet immediate childcare needs. Ms. Witte estimated that more than 4,000 new childcare spaces will be created through new construction and the use of modular buildings.

"They're just starting with those, and we're really hopeful that this will really be a way to get some spaces quickly," she said.

DoD now spends about \$434 million on military childcare each year, Ms. Witte said. More than \$60 million in supplemental funding has been used in the past three years to extend the hours of childcare services, including week-end and evening care, and to run summer camps for military children with one or both parents deployed overseas.

Using emergency supplemental funds from Congress, Defense Department officials have given the services \$92 million to help buy modular or prefabricated facilities, and to renovate and expand current facilities.

Modular, prefabricated child development facilities are on track to open this month. Most of the new or added facilities will be ready within

the next year.

The Air Force will add 1,598 spaces for children whose parents would otherwise have to seek off-base daycare.

The first Air Force modular child development center under the initiative will open in April at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. With spaces for 300 children, it will clear the current waiting list, said Arthur Myers, director of Air Force Services.

In addition to modular centers, the Air Force will add some spaces by building permanent additions to existing structures, Mr. Myers said.

After those spaces are added, however, the Air Force still will have about 4,500 fewer spaces than it needs, he said. But this new effort will help.

"Eglin's installation commander told me this is the biggest morale booster for the families he has seen," Mr. Myers said. "This is going to have a dramatic impact on Air Force families."

Turnaround time for obtaining and opening these modular centers is less than nine months, he said. Standing up a center under the traditional military construction process, can take five years.

The modular construction allows an entire center to be built offsite quickly and inexpensively, according to the military's specifications, and then trucked to its new on base home.

Installations are responsible for digging foundations and preparing sites for the units. Defense Department money pays for the units, while the services pay for furnishings. If a permanent facility is later built at a base, or if the need for childcare decreases, the modular facilities can be uprooted and moved to another location.

Efforts are ongoing to address an estimated shortage of about 27,000 military child-care spaces remaining after the 4,000 new spaces are factored in. The focus, Ms. Witte said, is to increase childcare services at installations experiencing high deployment rates or affected by long childcare waiting lists, and at bases gaining troops through overseas redeployments.

"Childcare across the nation is at a premium," Ms. Witte said. "Finding those spaces at the right places is a challenge" for both military and civilian families."

## IN THE NEWS

### Dental survey

Headquarters U.S. European Command is sending out an e-mail survey designed to gauge family member dental care in Europe. The EUCOM quality of life office is encouraging everyone who receives the e-mail survey to take a few moments to provide feedback. The survey runs Tuesday to May 18 and is quick, easy and entirely online.

### Easter egg hunt

Hunt for candy-filled eggs, play games, enjoy refreshments, and visit the Easter Bunny Saturday at Arkadas Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 2-12.

For details, call Youth Programs at 676-6670 or the Community Center.

### Commander's radio show

The Commander's Corner call-in radio show, is aired live on AFN 1590 every Thursday at noon. Call Col. "Tip" Stinnette at 676-8390 with your questions, concerns or comments.

### TRICARE Online

TRICARE online is now available. Schedule medical appointments check the status of a claim general health information and pharmacy information at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)

For details, call Debra Smith at 676-8763.

### High-peak season

May through August is considered the "high-peak" season for shipping household goods. It's imperative that once you receive your orders, to visit the TMO office to set up your pack and pick-up dates.

If you are moving to the United States the U.S. customs office will need five duty days prior to your pack date to schedule an agricultural inspection of your property.

For details, call TMO at 676-6038.

### Safety reminder

Bicycle safety: Where approved helmet, keep right and ride single file with traffic. Stay off sidewalks, Use hand signals and remember, don't wear headphones.



# PatrioticWorld TOUR

*Entertains, rocks, parties at the 'Lik'*



Photos by Airman Nathan Lipscomb

Larry Stewart, lead singer of the country band Restless Heart, talks to the audience during the Patriotic World Tour April 7 at Leisure Time Park. Restless Heart also performed for the crowd.



Grammy award winning







artist Lee Greenwood sings *Proud to be an American* with all the Incirlik children in the audience at the Patriotic World Tour.



Photo by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke

(Above) A member from the New England Patriots cheerleading team poses for pictures with Gabrielle, 7, and Daniel, 4, Jones.

(Far left) A singer from the Air Force Reserve Band sings during the Patriotic Tour.

(Left) Funny man Dick Hardwick entertains the crowd with comedy performance at the Patriotic World Tour.

# Youth center:

## *Great place for 'Lik' kids to grow*

**By Senior Airman Tim Beckham**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Incirlik's youth center here supports the 39th Air Base Wing by providing programs for youth ages 6 through 18, to help them grow physically, socially and emotionally.

"We want to make the center a place where the youth can have fun," said Rose Leme, youth programs director. "We want them to think of the youth center as a second home, where they can interact and socialize with other kids in a good environment."

Whether it's chess club, gymnastics or even teen nights, the youth center here has something to offer everyone.

"We have before and after school programs as well as full time care when school is out," said Cara Citrowske, school age program director. "We take the children on field trips both on and off base to places like the bowling center, the pool during the summer and even to Aqualand in Adana."

With summer quickly approaching the youth center is geared up for what is their busiest time of year.

"Summer is definitely our busiest time of year," said Mrs. Leme. "This summer we will have theater camp, soccer camp and field trips available for the youth."

Since April is the month of the military child the youth center has had some special events take place and have other events planned.

"We had the USAFE regional talent show this week and of course the Easter egg hunt and the Spring Fling this month," said Mrs. Leme.

The base-wide Easter egg hunt is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Arkadas Park for children ages 2 through 12.

"The age groups are 2 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9 and 10 to 12," said Kimberly Anderson, youth center recreation assistant. "There are a total of 2,500 eggs to be given away. The spouses group is making special eggs with special prizes and the Easter bunny will be making a visit and there will be an egg race, egg toss, face painting, Easter tattoos, and a



Photo by Airman Kelly Flynn

Jacie Davidson practices her rendition of Faith Hill's *Mississippi Girl* at the youth talent show camp Tuesday at the Community Center.

snack area."

The Spring Fling, which is scheduled for April 22 at Arkadas Park, will have a variety of games and activities for all children on base.

"Our portion of the Spring Fling is a children's game area with candy prizes and jump castles," said Mrs. Anderson.

The youth center has membership fees of \$18 for six months and \$36 for one year. By purchasing the membership, youths receive discount prices on sports, teen, and open recreation events. Membership also allows children to checkout video games and allows them to participate in other planned events the center has to offer.



# Military Brats

## Talk about pros, cons of education in Air Force

**By 1st Lt. S.J. Brown**  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It looks like the typical high school courtyard with lots of young adults hanging out with friends, some studying, some listening to music, most dressed in the latest fad clothing.

But a majority of these high schoolers are brats. OK, so they prefer the term "military young adults" as opposed to "military brats," but these youth are special because they are attending one of the more than 200 Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

There are more than 100 teenagers who attend the Incirlik American High School. Three graduating seniors talk about the pros and cons of being a military family member and having to change schools often.

### **Ursula Campbell, 18**

The daughter of Master Sgt. Roderick Campbell, 39th Mission Support Squadron outbound assignments specialist, and Sonya Campbell, 39th Medical Group appointment clerk, Miss Campbell has been to five schools during her life as a military kid. She has lived at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and now, Incirlik.

"Building new relationships," said Miss Campbell. "That is the hardest thing. But, I get to see lots of different cultures and that is great. I'm not scared of change anymore. But it's still a challenge to leave friends behind when you PCS."

As hard as leaving friends and making new ones is, Miss Campbell notes the joys of

small-school living include the social atmosphere.

"I really enjoy the small school environment because you get to know everyone if not by name at least by sight," she added. "But the limited classes are the things that bug me. I want to take advanced placement and honors classes but there just aren't that many students who need them so they are hard to get here."

### **Charmaine Santos, 18**

The legal dependent of Staff Sgt. Steve Kollat, 39th Mission Support Group quality assurance, and Shannon Kollat, Miss Santos has been in the DoDDS system for a little over a year and is still learning the "ropes."

"Incirlik is my first base since leaving my home in Guam," said Miss Santos. "So, these guys have much more experience than I do at change and adjusting – I'm still adjusting. But two things I have noticed about the military schools is that they are much more accepting of ethnic diversity and they really are like a big family."

As a non-traditional 'military young adult' but one whose legal guardians are military members, Miss Santos said she was a little intimidated by the changes especially the difference in class and school size.

"I really had to get out of my comfort zone when I moved here because I came from a school of 2,500 students to a school of 101," she said. "But, I think that really prepares you for the future. The only problems I see in the smaller DoDDS school as compared to my old school is that there aren't as many extra curricular activities available and that teachers must often teach numerous subjects. That is something I'm not quite used to."

### **Calvin Singh, 18**

Mr. Singh is the son of Master Sgt. Jairam Singh, 39th Operations Squadron weather forecaster, and Rose Singh and has the most experience of the three in changing schools as he has attended 10 schools in the course of his life.

"I've been to schools in Misawa, New Jersey, Hawaii and Turkey," said Mr. Singh. "I have to say I agree with Charmaine and Ursula about the challenges and advantages, but I have to admit being a 'military young adult' definitely helps with college applications. I mean, how many other young adults entering college can say they have been educated in all these places?"

Calvin is considered a laid back kind of guy by his friends but that does not mean he does not fall prey to one of the biggest challenges of 'military young adults' being educated in

the small DODDS schools worldwide.

"The biggest problem with the small schools like this one as opposed to the larger public schools back in the states is that rumors get around much quicker," laughed Mr. Singh. "But, a fantastic advantage to being a 'military young adult' who travels around the globe with my family is that when I actually go off to college and have to live in the dorm, I won't be like these kids who have never left home crying at night because they are homesick. I can adjust to any situation because I've been doing it all my life with my military family."

## *Air Force poem*

*Everynight I lay down and  
pray  
for all those people defending  
me everyday.  
Sometimes I wonder how it  
would feel  
to be working and going  
through something that surreal.  
Deserts, cities, or even towns.  
These special people never let  
us down.  
If it's from healing someone  
with their healing touch to  
killing, bombing, WOW! this is  
way too much.  
Never really knowing what  
they do  
I always say thank you.  
The past few years have been  
pretty overwhelming and some-  
times very aggravating.  
With all you guys  
leaving, going, whatever, you can  
leave broken hearts  
and depressing lives.  
But if you go you will arrive.  
Arrive? you ask. you'll go  
somewhere special where you  
belong.  
It could be heaven or home.  
But when you get there you  
would have never known the  
feelings would be so strong.  
I really don't know what to  
say  
except thank you and have a  
nice day.  
All this leaves me breathless  
letting all my words out.  
I love all of you, I can say that  
honestly without a doubt.*

*Anonymous*

# Incirlik Heroes

“You made my day!” Have you said this recently to someone at Incirlik? We want to know about it!

The *Tip of the Sword* will now feature a weekly spotlight on a person living the Air Force core value of service before self. This person may be someone who provided great customer care, a neighbor who helped out in a tough predicament, or a volunteer who’s making a difference and deserves a pat on the back.

**“Since the time Tech Sgt. Dana Bridges arrived here she has helped make Incirlik a better place. She quickly wrote the constitution and bylaws for the parent advisory for the American Youth Association and the child development center making it a private organization for the first time. She then stepped up to help run the meetings. Her daughter hasn’t quite started elementary school but she stepped up and started the Campbell’s Soup Label program. She also attends Air Force Sergeants Association meetings regularly.**

**Dana is selfless when it comes to her time, even as a single parent. She truly is an “Incirlik Hero.” —**

Tech. Sgt. Patricia Keen, 39th Mission Support Squadron manpower office

To see a valuable Incirlik team member — active duty, civilian, or family member — in the spotlight, contact Julie Halstead at 676-6755 or e-mail [Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil).



Photo by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke

Tech. Sgt. Dana Bridges eats lunch with her daughter Nia at the child development center. Although Sergeant Bridges is a single parent she has time for Air Force Sergeants Association, and activities at the youth center.



Photo by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke

## Finders keepers

Attendees of the 17th Annual Black and White ball Saturday at the consolidated club hold up their charm for inspection during the ball scavenger hunt. More than 170 people attended the ball, which was sponsored by the Fellowship Military Lodge No. 82 and Starlight Chapter, OES No. 52.



# FITNESS & SPORTS

**Easter Fun Run/Walk - 15 April, 8:00am**  
Arkadas Park

**Push-Up & Sit-up Competition - 15 April, 9:00am**  
Free T-Shirt for the winner!



**8 PreCor Elliptical Machines**  
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**4 Fitness Cross Trainers**

Feeling tense? You need to make a reservation with our Massage Therapists and feel great again! We have licensed male & female therapists for your massage needs. Massage therapy is available Mon through Sat from 10am to 8pm. Call or stop in to make an appt!

Parents - want to work out but don't have a babysitter? Bring your children to the Fitness Center and enjoy a good workout while your children play in the Wee Room? Watch your children play while you work out. Please do not leave your children unattended.

## Monday

Cycling.....6:00am  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....11:30am  
Pilates.....4:30pm  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....5:30pm

## Tuesday

Cycling.....11:30am  
Cardio Kick & Aerobics.....5:30pm

## Wednesday

Cycling.....6:00am  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....11:30am  
Pilates.....4:30pm  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....5:30pm

**CLUB**

## Thursday

Abs & Back.....6:00am  
Cycling.....11:30am  
Cardio Kick & Aerobics.....5:30pm

## Friday

Cycling.....6:00am  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....11:30am  
Step Aerobics w/Weights & Bands.....5:30pm

## Saturday

Step, Abs, & Back.....9:30am

## Intramural volleyball standings

Men's varsity	5	0
39th LRS	4	1
728 AMS	4	1
39th MDG	3	3
Women's varsity	3	3
39th MSS #2	3	3
DoDDS	2	3
39th SFS	2	3
39th MSS #1	2	4
39th SVS	1	4
39th CPTS	0	4

## Softball begins

If you're a softball player then get ready. Intramural Softball will be beginning soon. Base members who are interested in playing softball should contact their unit sports representative or call the fitness and sports center at 676-6086.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Correll

## The Champs are here

(Left) Stacy Pierpoint, 39th Security Forces Squadron battles (right) Kadir Ozdes, 39th Comptrollers Squadron, during the racquetball championship at the base fitness center. The 39th SFS won by 2-0. 39th CPTS No. 2 went undefeated through the regular season and won the League Championship. 39th SFS gained six points toward the commander's cup for their win. For more details about intramural sports or the commanders cup call the fitness and sports center at 676-6086.



# Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

## Cartouche

**Question:** Mehmet, all the jewelers at the Alley offer cartouche necklaces and puzzle rings. What is the story behind those jewelry pieces? Do they have significance?

**Response:** A cartouche is a Hieroglyphic nameplate or seal. Every ancient Egyptian pharaoh, king and queen had a cartouche which spelled out their names or a descriptive saying in hieroglyphic symbols. Royal cartouches are found throughout the ruins of ancient Egypt, inscribed onto the walls of temples, tombs and statues, bearing information about this interesting civilization.

Originally, the cartouche was worn only by the Pharaohs or Kings of Egypt. The Pharaoh was considered a living God on the earth and his cartouche was his insignia. The "magical oval" in which the pharaoh's first name was written was intended to protect him from evil spirits both while he lived and in the afterworld when entombed.

Over the past 5,000 years, the cartouche has become a universal symbol of long life, good luck and protection from any evil.

Now the cartouches are quite popular and could be made either in gold or silver. Your name is spelled out in the Latin alphabet on one side and in Hieroglyphic alphabet on the other side. The jewelers can spell your name on the cartouche with one side in Hieroglyphic and the other side in the Arabic alphabet as well. If you are a male and don't want to wear a necklace, still you can have a cartouche. This time it is not in a necklace shape, but it is a cartouche ring.

The story behind the puzzle rings.

In olden (or shall we say golden) times, a young man who had a reputation of fooling around with women wanted to marry the sultan's beautiful daughter. The sultan refused the young man, but his daughter was in love with him. The sultan wanted the man to promise that he would not deceive his daughter. The young man promised, and the sultan gave him permission to marry his daughter.

The sultan still didn't trust his son-in-law and was afraid that he would still deceive his



Courtesy photo

Over the past 5,000 years, the cartouche has become a universal symbol of long life, good luck and protection from evil. Now cartouches are popular and can be made of gold or silver.

daughter. To make sure his son-in-law didn't secretly cheat on his wife, the sultan sought a tell-tale solution, and an adviser to the sultan came up with the puzzle ring.

If a person carelessly takes the puzzle ring off his finger, it comes apart. If he doesn't know how to put the ring back together it can't be worn. Thus, the sultan gave a puzzle ring as a gift to his son-in-law to maintain control over him.

Well, I don't know if the son-in-law remained faithful, but puzzle rings have been popular ever since.

## Tree of life

**Question:** Mehmet, I recently purchased a Tree of Life picture. Can you tell me the story behind the Tree of Life?

**Response:** The Tree of Life figure is the reflection of the thousands-of-years old and very rich middle eastern culture onto today's culture. The Tree of Life figure could be seen in all middle-eastern countries including Greece today.

The roots of the Tree of Life culture go back to old Egyptian civilizations. Egyptians used to use the lotus tree as the symbol of the Tree of Life. In fact, they were using the leaves of the lotus tree. Each part of the leaf represents one value such as purity, strength, prosperity, long life, richness, happiness, being close to God ... etc.

As next door neighbors, Persians adopted the cultural symbol from the Egyptians and

Greeks. And of course being in Anatolia (the Asian part of Turkey today) adopted that culture.

The design of the Tree of Life is carved at the entrance of the temples, palaces and houses of noble people. The design of the Tree of Life differs from state to state. Trees which have the most economic impact on the state were chosen as the symbol of the Tree of Life. Persians chose the plane-tree as their symbol of the Tree of Life while the Arabs have the date tree. Some nations have the fig tree as their symbol. The symbol for Tarsus is the grape tree. Because grape growing was, and still is, an important agricultural activity in Tarsus. The Greeks accepted the olive tree as the symbol of the Tree of Life because they grow olives widely and the olive tree lives for several hundred years.

Some noble families chose a different symbol as the Tree of Life. They carve their symbol at the entrance of their houses and establishments. The tradition of having a family symbol comes from that tradition.

Today in Turkey, the picture of the Tree of Life could be a pine tree or a picture of a flower. Many times the pomegranate is accepted for that purpose due to its plentiful pieces in one fruit. You can see the picture of the Tree of Life as a design on a carpet or carving on a tomb stone.

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*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 676-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil).*



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### Models needed

The Airmen Committed to Excellence will be hosting their first Fashion Show Expo Thursday starting at 7 p.m. at the consolidated club.

They are looking for anyone who would like to model and aren't afraid to strut their stuff on the runway.

The categories are: casual, swimwear, formal/semi-formal, sleepwear and sportswear. Show off your favorite professional sports team in the sportswear category. Golfers are welcome as well.

The event is open to all military and family members.

Tickets cost \$2 for adults. Models and children are free.

For details, call Senior Airmen LaShondra Gladney at 676-6301, Tenaha Clements at 676-6301 or Simone Gillispie at 676-8114.

### Care crafts

There will be a care crafts for kids event at the Family Support Center Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. This activity is for children of deployed parents.

For details, call Julie Halstead at 676-6755.

### WICO Closure

The Women, Infants, and Children Overseas office located in the family support building will be closed Saturday through May 20.

If you have any questions, call Elizabeth Beverly at 676-1237.

If immediate assistance is needed during closure period, please contact Staci Crawford at DSN 226-1728 or 01638-521728.

### Reading program

The library is sponsoring a new "We the People" reading program entitled "Becoming American," open to grades K through 12.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded. Also, there will be a drawing for gift certificates from the base exchange in June.

For details, call Yvonne Byars at 676-6759.

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



### Senior Airman Natorya Donar

39th Medical Group  
Aerospace medical journeyman

**Time in service:** Four years

**Hometown:** Panama City, Fla.

**Time on station:** One year

**Hobbies:** Singing and cooking.

**Classifieds**

**Yard sale:** There will be a yard sale Saturday at 3182 C Antalya Ct. some items that will be sold are transformers, 220 fans, golf clubs, electric scooters, lots of toys and odds and ends. Everything must go, PCSing. For details, call 676-2374.

**Free to a good home:** Dog free for a loving home. Dog is approximately 15 months old, male, neutered, short hair, mix breed, with a great disposition. Very friendly and knows basic commands. For details, call Ingrid or Casey at 676-2999.

**Lost:** Lost grey cat in Phantom housing. Has no collar and answers to Rain.

If found, please call 676-2299 or 05383995397.

**Wanted:** The Incirlik Girl Scout Community is seeking a volunteer to fill the Overseas Committee Chair position for June 2006 – June 2007 here.

Please contact Col. Mary Parker, 676-1991 or Ms. Greta Dozier, 676-3524 for additional information.

### Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to get an education and see places I would never have seen otherwise.

### What do you like the most about Incirlik?

I like the camaraderie.

### How do you contribute to the mission?

I ensure that all medical requirements are accomplished, such as immunizations and PHA's to ensure we have a medically fit force.

### What is your favorite motto?

"A man not worth his word is worth nothing."

### What Air Force core value best describes you and why?

"Service before self." Because my patients come first.

### Supervisor's quote:

"It is better to have one person working with you than three people working for you." Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"This quote fits Airman Donar to a T," said Capt. Artemus Armas, 39th Medical Group clinical nurse.

**Volunteers needed:** The Chapel is seeking Crossroads Café managers for Friday and Saturday nights.

For details, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro 676-6441.

### Ice cream truck driver needed:

The Community Center is looking for a driver for the "In-Chill-Lick" Ice Cream truck.

If interested, call Selina Moorner at 676-6966.



This is the solution for the crossword published in the April 7 *Tip of the Sword*. Crossword puzzles are published in the first *Tip of the Sword* edition of every month. For more information, call 676-6060 or e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil).

## Have great travel photos?

Been traveling lately and snapped some good photographs? Send them to the *Tip of the Sword* at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)



## City of culture

Ankara is a city of cultural and historical significance. Anit Kabir, (which is pictured) is the burial site and mausoleum dedicated to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Atatürk was the founder of the Turkish Republic and was its first president. Today, he stands as a towering figure of the 20th century. He transformed the life of the nation with reforms in the political, social, legal, economic and cultural spheres. Pictured in front of the complex is Capt. Brad Ellis, 39th Medical Group.

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### Check mail daily

Do not use your post office as a storage facility for mail because there is limited space.

Articles not claimed within five days will be second noticed. After five more days, the customer will receive a final notice.

The article will be returned to sender five days after the final notice, so ensure you check mail daily or notify the ODC before you depart the area for leave or TDY's longer than five days.

### Gospel Music Workshop

Come lend your voice and sing during the Gospel Music Workshop of Incirlik 5 p.m. nightly from April 25-29.

This year's theme "Praise Is What We Do" gives the base community a chance to lift there voices in spiritual praise.

Registration is free.

To register or to get more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) James Taylor, 676-6441.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**7 p.m. – Underworld: Evolution (R)** – Starring Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman. A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves). (106 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – Freedomland (PG-13) (1st run)** – Starring Julianne Moore and Sam Jackson. A white woman blames an African-American man for the death of her son, but a white reporter and an African-American detective think otherwise. (113 minutes)

#### Saturday

**5 p.m. – Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13)** – Starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long. The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. (99 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – Underworld: Evolution (R)** – Starring Kate Beckinsale and Scott Speedman. A war emerges between the aristocratic Death Dealers and the barbaric Lycans (werewolves). (106 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – Freedomland (Pg-13) (1st run)** – Starring Julianne Moore and Sam Jackson. (113 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13)** – Starring Martin Lawrence and Nia Long. The continuing adventures of FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. (99 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**Casanova** – Starring Heath Ledger and Sienna Miller at 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7 and 9:15 p.m.

**Basic Instinct II** – Starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman at 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx Tepe Cinemaxx and their Web site at [www.mybilet.com/show\\_place\\_detail.aspx?place\\_id=101](http://www.mybilet.com/show_place_detail.aspx?place_id=101). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 676-6986 or the theater office at 676-9140.